

APPENDIX C

Cultural and Historic Resources Documentation



October 26, 2020

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Director, Division for Historic Preservation
Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Peebles Island, P.O. Box 189
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**RE: Schenectady County Airport
Off Airport Obstruction Tree Removal
Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, NY
CHA Project No.: 052475**

Dear Mr. Lynch:

On behalf of the County of Schenectady, CHA is submitting a request for Section 106 review of the off-airport obstruction tree removal associated with Runway 10 of the Schenectady County Airport. Refer to Attachment A for a USGS Project Location Map and Attachment B for an aerial of the project areas. The tree removal is proposed in order to maintain navigable airspace beyond the end of the runway.

The proposed project requires approval and funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The proposed obstruction removal within the Runway 10 approach will remove trees that are existing penetrations to the FAA's 20:1 obstacle clearance surface (approximately 20 tree groups), as well as trees within 10 feet of the surface (approximately 18 tree groups). The obstruction clearing will remove the tree, grind the stump, and topsoil and seed.

The proposed tree removal on the south side of the runway end will include clear cutting, but not grubbing (i.e., retention of the stumps and root balls) of all trees and the understory will be retained. Veteran's Memorial Park is within the project limits; however, no trees are proposed to be cut within the park. Refer to Attachment C for further details.

The Areas of Potential Effect (APE) have been identified as the project limits located west and south of Runway 10. The project area to the west of the runway end is residential and the project area to the south of the runway is undeveloped forested area and a small area of commercial property. Refer to Attachment D for representative site photographs of the project areas.

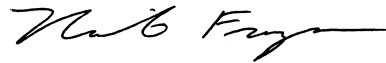
The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) was reviewed (Attachment E). The CRIS indicates that the project

areas are within area designated as archeologically sensitive. No National Register listed or eligible properties are mapped within or adjacent to the project areas.

Impacts to cultural resources are not anticipated since there are no listed or eligible properties within or adjacent to the project area and since the method of tree removal involves minimal ground disturbance.

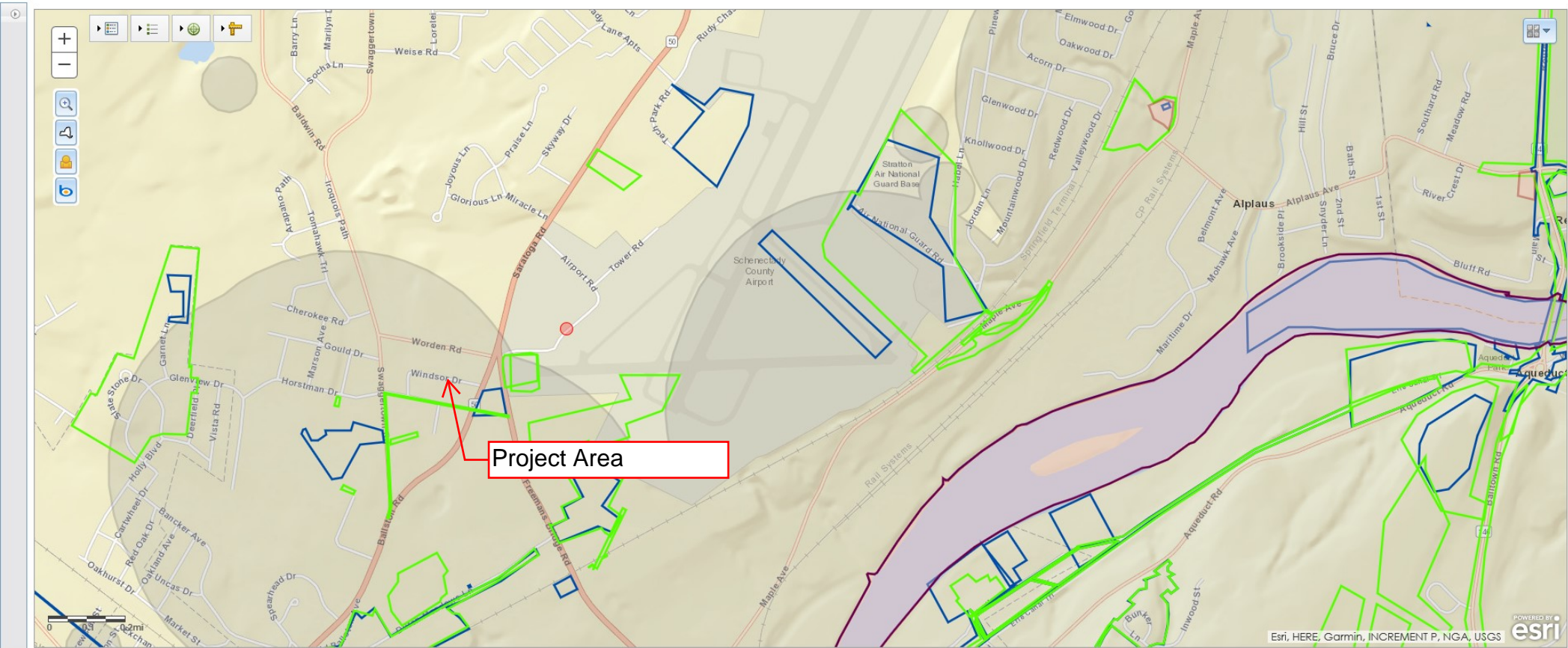
We hope the information contained herein is sufficient for you to complete your review. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 518-453-8211 or nfrazer@chacompanies.com.

Sincerely,



Nicole E. Frazer
Senior Scientist

CC (via email): Mark Heckroth- CHA
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Re: FAA
Schenectady County Airport Off Airport Obstruction Tree Removal
Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, NY
20PR06731

Dear Nicole Frazer:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and/or the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8).

Based upon this review, it is the opinion of the New York SHPO that no historic properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, will be affected by this undertaking.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. Daniel Mackay".

R. Daniel Mackay

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**RE: Section 106 Finding of No Adverse Effect on the National Historic Landmark
Schenectady County Airport
Off Airport Tree Obstruction Removal
Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, NY
OPRHP Project Review: 20PR06731**

Dear Mr. Mackay:

On October 26, 2020 CHA contacted SHPO on behalf of Schenectady County regarding a proposed airport tree obstruction removal associated with Runway 10 at Schenectady County Airport. At that time, the Area of Potential Effects (APE) had been identified as the project limits. A review of Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) indicated that the east side of the project was within a designated archeological sensitive area. The APE was reviewed by SHPO and in a letter dated October 29, 2020. SHPO indicated that no historic properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, will be affected by Proposed Project. However, since then, as part of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) Section 106 review and pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4, the FAA has undertaken efforts for the off airport tree obstruction removal project.

The project consists of removing obstructions in order to maintain airport safety. Tree removal will include clearing of all trees penetrating the TERPS surface and trees up to 20 feet below the surface. In order to minimize impacts, no grubbing (i.e., retention of the stumps and root balls) will be completed and small trees and understory will be retained. On private residential areas, removal will utilize the same approach; however if requested by land owners, removal of the tree stumps with minor grading and seeding, removal of woodchips, and general restoration will be completed. The obstruction removal will not take any property and would not have adverse effects to the activities, features, or attributes that qualify the park protection under Section 4(f).

Please review this finding of no adverse effect on historic properties, in accordance with 35 C.F.R. §800.5(b) and provide either your concurrence or non-concurrence within the 30 day regulatory time frame. Any objections to this finding must be in writing and specify the reasons for the disagreement.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this finding or the sufficiency of documentation, please contact the undersigned at (718) 995-5746 or by email at madelyn.t.sheehan@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

Madelyn Sheehan
Environmental Protection Specialist